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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1049]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that on and after WEDNESDAY, the 3rd inst., and until further notice, the CONCERN SYSTEM OF WATER SUPPLY to the City of Victoria and Hill District will be RESTABLISHED.

The Public are cautioned against Waste and Misuse of Water.

By Command,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1893. [1054]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

IN THE MATTER OF HO A-TIM, ALIAS HO SAU KAI, A BANKRUPT.

NOTE: It is hereby given, that a MEETING OF CREDITORS of HO A-TIM alias HO SAU KAI, will be held at the Registry of the said Court, on FRIDAY, the 19th day of MAY, 1893, at 12 of the clock, noon precisely, for the purpose of declaring a Second Dividend.

Creditors who have not yet proved must do so on or before the 19th day of MAY, 1893.

Dated the 27th day of April, 1893.

ALFRED G. WISE, Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN MARTIN McDERMOTT, LATE OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG, BANK AGENT, Deced.

NOTE: It is hereby given, that the Honorable the Acting Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting the 3rd of JUNE, 1893, the time for sending in Claims against the said Estate.

All Creditors and others having any Claim on the said Estate are hereby required to send in their Claims to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated the 2nd May, 1893.

ALFRED G. WISE, Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD ROSS, LATE OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG, ENGINEER, Deced.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 4th MAY, 1893, AT NOON, at his SALES ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, (opposite the conservatory), SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1055]

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The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong. [19]

NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents whose names and news columns should be addressed to "The Editor."

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to "The Editor," Hongkong, but the communication, but as evidence of good faith.

All communications for publication should be written on one side of the paper.

No anonymous or signed communications that have appeared in other papers will be inserted.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 3RD, 1893.

How thoroughly characteristic of the Chinese system of government is an incident mentioned recently by a Shanghai contemporary! An ex-Tsotai named YUAN—who not long since was disgraced in company with a batch of other officials for carrying favour with the late Treasurer of Anwei, a Manchu who was himself dismissed from office by the Emperor—has now paid the sum of fifty thousand taels to the Board of Admiralty at Peking in aid of the "Fund for the purchase of ironclads." The immediate result of the receipt of this malignant "peace-offering" is, it is reported, that the Presidents of the Board of Admiralty intend to memorialise the Throne that YUAN may be restored to his former office and titles in order to encourage other officials to similar acts of "patriotism"! In other words, encouragement is to be extended to pecant and corrupt mandarins to seek pardon for past offences by offering substantial contributions towards the increase of the Imperial Navy. The Throne is to condone misrule and injustice to its subjects in consideration of so many thousand taels of silver! Could anything be more flagrantly immoral from a Western point of view. Yet in all probability neither the Peking Government nor the Chinese people are able to discern in this transaction anything either extraordinary or impious. They would no doubt defend the action on the principle that the end justifies the means. They would argue that the contribution paid to the ironclad fund constituted a heavy fine, the payment of which naturally entitles the erring official to a full pardon; that its infliction will prove a warning to him for the future, and that a patriotic project is greatly benefited by the transaction. They would flatly refuse to consider the acceptance of the bribe as a sort of license to continue his misdemeanours and to make up the loss by severe squeezing in the future! Yet this is almost certain to prove the immediate result of the fatuous, if not premeditatedly corrupt, conduct of the Board of Admiralty, always supposing, of course, that the Emperor accedes to the intended memorial. That this is hardly doubtful past experience fully warrants us in believing. The Throne will see nothing amiss in a proposal which is designed as cheap recognition of personal misfortune. Has it not habitually encouraged contributions to the state by the sale of honours, titles, and offices? Does it not perpetuate an iniquitous and evil working dual customs system in Kwangtung in order that a Manchu retainer may be afforded an opportunity of making a fat purse, part of the contents of which he is compelled to disgorge for the benefit of the Son of Heaven before entering the Anti-Gating Gate on his return to the capital at the expiration of his very brief but extremely profitable term of office at Canton? While the system of administration permits of such jobs and anomalies it is in the highest degree unlikely that corrupt officials will incur permanent disfavour at Peking. When attention is directed by some zealous Censor or personal enemy to exceptionally gross cases of oppression or extortion it is necessary and sometimes desirable to make an example of the offender, either by stripping him of his ill-gotten gains or degrading him from office until such time as the remembrance of the case has grown faint or until he can induce his friends to purchase for him Imperial absolution and a return to office. But while the great squeeze system permeates every department of the administration throughout the Empire, and Viceroy grow so rich upon it as to become in some cases owners of more than half the soil of a province, it is vain to look for much improvement in the tone of the Government or to expect even the highest officials to see anything immoral in the condonation of misdemeanours for a pecuniary consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. De Bois leave for home by the M. M. steamer Yerba to-day.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 11.10 p.m. on Monday.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Orient is Mr. T. MacEwen.

The D.D.R. steamer *Electra*, from Hamburg, left Singapore yesterday for this port.

There were 2,032 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 1,924 were Europeans.

The steamer *Arranmore*, from Calcutta, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for the port of Panang on the 23rd ult. Mr. John MacEwen, an assistant to the firm of Messrs. Hern, John & Co., was killed by being thrown from his boat without warning.

An advertisement in another column conveys the welcome intelligence—that and after today the constant system of water supply will be re-established.

It appears, according to the *N. C. Daily News*, that some one made a mistake in telegraphing to Tonkin M. Gérard's appointment. That gentleman is appointed Minister for France to Chile, not Peking, China.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Chrysanthemum*, which arrived yesterday morning from Singapore, reports, May 1st, passed a dragnet with large net on top, plus with wire-shaped netting. Both appeared now. Lat. 17.34 long. 114.47 E.

Viscount de Seze Fernandes, the well known merchant of Macao, and who held the appointment of Consul for Italy and Spain, died yesterday morning. His decease would have been 71 years of age on the 21st of this month, and the Chinese community amongst whom he was extremely popular were making preparations to celebrate the event.

The *Commerce* of the 26th ult. says—Yesterday afternoon the seals which under order of the Court had been placed on the treasury of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were removed, in a suit at the Supreme Court in the suit between the said Bank and the firm of Jurado and Co. The \$25,000 in the treasury are thus released.

H.E. the Vicerey Li Hung-chang sent the following congratulatory telegram to Herr von Brandt on the occasion of the latter's marriage—

To His Excellency and Mrs. von Brandt.

I beg your Excellency's pardon and I trust you will be happy in your new home.

Correspondents are requested to forward the date of the wedding, so that the 15th of April will prove the most auspicious day of your Excellency's life.

LI HUNG-CHANG.

The *N. C. Daily News* says the Tsingtao Yamen has received despatches from both the Brazilian and Mexican Governments inviting the Chinese Minister Plenipotentiary to a special high official. One of them is said to have at least fifty actions against him, and another to have been "brought to justice" for "a bad case" and to have been numerous accusations levelled upon his record. It is stated that the Governor has drawn Lord Ripon's attention to the matter, and his lordship sought to know the time in dealing with it, for a more disastrous and at the same time more dangerous scandal could hardly be imagined. A correspondent in the latest issue of the *Times* of London, already threatened with charges in the public service as regards an offence which have come to light in France and Canada.

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